

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An image editing device for trimming an image, comprising:

a noticing area calculating section that calculates a noticing area of an image which is an object for a trimming operation; operation, the calculation of the noticing area being at least partially based on at least one noticing degree parameter of the image;

a trimming rule designating section that designates a trimming method for trimming the noticing area of the image which is the object for the trimming operation, and designates a trimming scope;

a trimming shape designating section that designates an arbitrary shape of a trimming scope when the designating operation of the trimming scope is selected by the trimming rule designating section;

a template selecting section that selects a template which is used for the trimming operation among a template group which is memorized in advance when a using operation for the template is designated by the trimming rule designating section;

a noticing area error calculating section that calculates a distribution ratio of the noticing area in the trimming scope or the template; and

an image processing section that adjusts the image, the trimming scope, or the distribution ratio of the noticing area in the trimming scope or the template according to the method which is designated by the trimming rule designating section and according to the distribution ratio of the noticing area calculated by the noticing area calculating section, the image adjustment including enlarging, contracting, and rotating an image.

2. (Original) An image editing device according to Claim 1 further comprising a center aligning section for aligning a center of the noticing area and a center of the trimming scope or a center of the template.

3. (Previously Presented) An image editing device according to Claim 2, the center of the noticing area being a crossing point of diagonal lines of a rectangle which surrounds the noticing area; and

the center of the template being a crossing point of diagonal lines of a rectangle which surrounds the template.

4. (Previously Presented) An image editing device according to Claim 1 further comprising a noticing area threshold section which determines a threshold with reference to the noticing area having the highest noticing degree and determines the noticing area having the noticing degree which is higher than the threshold when the noticing area is calculated by the noticing area calculating section.

5. (Currently Amended) A method for trimming an image in an image editing device, comprising:

calculating a noticing area of an image which is an object for a trimming operation; ~~operation, the calculation of the noticing area being at least partially based on at least one noticing degree parameter of the image;~~

designating a trimming method for trimming the noticing area of the image which is the object for the trimming operation;

designating an arbitrary shape of a trimming scope when the designating operation of the trimming scope is selected by the trimming rule designating section;

selecting a template which is used for the trimming operation among a template group which is memorized in advance when a using operation for the template is designated by the trimming rule designating section;

calculating a distribution ratio of the noticing area in the trimming scope or the template; and

enlarging, contracting, and rotating the image, the trimming scope, and the template so as to adjust the distribution ratio of the noticing area in the trimming scope or the template according to the method which is designated by the trimming rule designating section.

6. (Currently Amended) A computer-executable program stored in a readable storage medium for implementing an editing device which trims an image, wherein the computer-executable program comprises:

calculating a noticing area of an image which is an object for a trimming operation; operation, the calculation of the noticing area being at least partially based on at least one noticing degree parameter of the image;

designating a trimming method for trimming the noticing area of the image which is the object for the trimming operation;

designating an arbitrary shape of a trimming scope when the designating operation of the trimming scope is selected by the trimming rule designating section;

selecting a template which is used for the trimming operation among a template group which is memorized in advance when a using operation for the template is designated by the trimming rule designating section;

calculating a distribution ratio of the noticing area in the trimming scope or the template; and

enlarging, contracting, and rotating the image, the trimming scope, and the template so as to adjust the distribution ratio of the noticing area in the trimming scope or the template according to the method which is designated by the trimming rule designating section.

7. (Previously Presented) An image editing device according to Claim 2 further comprising a noticing area threshold section which determines a threshold with reference to the noticing area having the highest noticing degree and determines the noticing area having the noticing degree which is higher than the threshold when the noticing area is calculated by the noticing area calculating section.

8. (Previously Presented) An image editing device according to Claim 3 further comprising a noticing area threshold section which determines a threshold with reference to the noticing area having the highest noticing degree and determines the noticing area having the noticing degree which is higher than the threshold when the noticing area is calculated by the noticing area calculating section.

9. (Previously Presented) An image editing device according to claim 7, wherein the trimming rule designating section includes:

contracting an original image such that the noticing area, to which the threshold is arranged, is distributed in the trimming scope;

rotating the original image such that the noticing area, to which the threshold is arranged, is in the trimming scope;

enlarging the trimming scope such that the noticing area, to which the threshold is arranged, is in the trimming scope;

rotating the trimming scope such that the noticing area, to which the threshold is arranged, is in the trimming scope;

designating the trimming scope by the user in an arbitrary shape, or selecting at least the template to be used with reference to the noticing area;

shifting the center of the trimming scope or the center of the template relatively so as to overlap the center of the noticing area; and

enlarging the image so as to be visually desirable so that the noticing area to which the threshold is arranged is smaller than the trimming scope or the template.

10. (Previously Presented) A method for trimming an image and an image editing device according to claim 5, wherein designating the trimming rule includes:

contracting an original image such that the noticing area, to which the threshold is arranged is distributed in the trimming scope;

rotating the original image such that the noticing area, to which the threshold is arranged, is in the trimming scope;

enlarging the trimming scope such that the noticing area, to which the threshold is arranged, is in the trimming scope;

rotating the trimming scope such that the noticing area, to which the threshold is arranged, is in the trimming scope;

designating the trimming scope by the user in an arbitrary shape, or selecting at least a template to be used with reference to the noticing area;

shifting the center of the trimming scope or the center of the template relatively so as to overlap the center of the noticing area; and

enlarging the image so as to be visually desirable so that the noticing area to which the threshold is arranged is smaller than the trimming scope or the template.

11. (Previously Presented) An image editing device according to claim 4, wherein the noticing area threshold section disposes a center of the noticing area at a center of the template that surrounds a noticing area.

12. (Previously Presented) An image editing device according to claim 1, wherein the noticing area error calculating section calculates a degree of the noticing area cut by the template.

13. (New) An image editing device according to claim 1, wherein the at least one noticing degree parameter is a parameter which indicates visual impression of the image to the human eye.

14. (New) An image editing device according to claim 1, wherein the at least one noticing degree parameter characterizes at least one physical feature, the at least one physical feature being at least one of a spatial frequency, a chromatic heterogeneity, a form heterogeneity, an area heterogeneity, a shape heterogeneity, a texture heterogeneity, a hue, a chromaticness, and a lightness.

15. (New) An image editing device according to claim 1, wherein the at least one noticing degree parameter is evaluated by separating the image into a plurality of areas, extracting the plurality of areas, evaluating an attractiveness of each of the plurality of areas.

16. (New) An image editing device according to claim 15, wherein the at least one noticing degree parameter is further evaluated by determining a characteristic attractiveness of each of the plurality of areas, determining a heterogeneity attractiveness of each of the plurality of areas, and summing the characteristic attractiveness and the heterogeneity attractiveness.

17. (New) A method for trimming an image in an image editing device according to claim 5, wherein the at least one noticing degree parameter is evaluated by separating the image into a plurality of areas, extracting the plurality of areas, and evaluating an attractiveness of each of the plurality of areas.

18. (New) A method for trimming an image in an image editing device according to claim 17, wherein the at least one noticing degree parameter is further evaluated by determining a characteristic attractiveness of each of the plurality of areas, determining a heterogeneity attractiveness of each of the plurality of areas, and summing the characteristic attractiveness and the heterogeneity attractiveness.

19. (New) An image editing device according to claim 1, wherein the noticing area is calculated automatically.

20. (New) A method for trimming an image in an image editing device according to claim 5, wherein the noticing area is calculated automatically.